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In re the Application of: **SUGAWARA, Masanobu et al.**
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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID
DERIVATIVES**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

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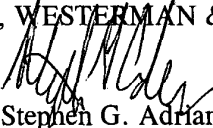
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements of Application dated **December 10, 2001**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration was paid at the initial filing. The fees enclosed at initial filing on **October 17, 2001** were **\$4,024.00** (**\$890.00** for basic filing fees, **\$672.00** for extra independent claims, **\$2,052.00** for additional total claims, **\$280.00** for multiple dependent claims, and **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration). In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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